

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
No. 2016 – 1**

**CREATION OF  
FLINT WATER INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE**

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the state of Michigan in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units that he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, municipal water in the City of Flint showed elevated lead levels after the City of Flint switched its water source to the Flint River; and

WHEREAS, the County of Genesee and the City of Flint have taken actions to cope with the situation, including but not limited to, switching back to the Detroit water system on October 16, 2016, declaring local states of emergency, activating the emergency response and recovery aspects of their emergency operations plan, marshaling and distributing required resources on a city-wide level, and issuing emergency public information and bulletins; and

WHEREAS, the Flint Water Advisory Task Force was formed as an independent advisory task force charged with reviewing actions regarding water use and testing in Flint; and

WHEREAS, the Flint Water Advisory Task Force has made an interim recommendation that the state government should coordinate a sustained, public-health focused response to remedy, to the fullest extent possible, the impacts on the Flint community; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency in the County of Genesee and the City of Flint; and

WHEREAS, multiple state departments and local authorities share the responsibility for ensuring safe drinking water and the coordination of efforts to address the consequences resulting from the presence of elevated lead levels in drinking water; and

WHEREAS, ensuring safe drinking water and addressing the consequences of elevated lead levels in drinking water will require collaboration and communication between state departments, local governments, and subject matter experts; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee within the Michigan Department of State Police will facilitate the collaboration and

communication between state departments, local governments, and subject matter experts necessary to effectively coordinate a response and recovery effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Snyder, Governor of the state of Michigan, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Governor by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, order the following:

**I. CREATION OF THE FLINT WATER INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

A. The Flint Water Interagency Coordinating Committee (“Coordinating Committee”) is created as an advisory body within the Michigan Department of State Police (the “Department”).

B. The Coordinating Committee shall be composed of the following seventeen (17) members who shall serve an initial term expiring on December 31, 2018.

- The Director of Office of Urban Initiatives within the Executive Office of the Governor;
- The Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security within the Michigan Department of State Police;
- The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, or his or her designee;
- The Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, or his or her designee;
- The State Treasurer, or his or her designee;
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or his or her designee;
- The elected Mayor of the City of Flint who shall be appointed to the Coordinating Committee by the Governor;
- Three (3) additional representatives of the City of Flint who shall be submitted by the Mayor of the City of Flint and appointed to the Coordinating Committee by the Governor;
- Three (3) representatives of Genesee County who shall be submitted by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners and appointed to the Coordinating Committee by the Governor; and
- Three (3) subject matter experts who shall be appointed to the Coordinating Committee by the Governor.

After the initial appointments, members of the Coordinating Committee appointed under this subsection shall serve terms of three years.

C. A vacancy on the Coordinating Committee occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. A member may continue serving until his or her successor is appointed. A member may serve successive terms if reappointed.

## **II. CHARGE TO THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

A. The Coordinating Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and subject to the Governor's review and approval, shall do all of the following:

1. Create an incident action plan designed to assist state and local authorities in ensuring safe drinking water for the residents of the City of Flint and addressing the consequences of elevated lead levels in drinking water.
2. Review recommendations made by the Flint Water Advisory Task Force and propose statutory, regulatory, or contractual actions necessary for implementation of such recommendations.
3. Identify staff with competencies in emergency planning, operations, logistics, and finance as outlined under the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to work with the Coordinating Committee to track resource requests and document progress on the incident action plan.
4. Establish a standard process for sharing pertinent information between all members including use of the NIMS and Unified/Incident Command as appropriate.
5. Establish routine communications protocols at the local, executive, and legislative levels as appropriate.
6. Establish a public information protocol to effectively inform the community.
7. Make recommendations for acceptable standards for potable water.
8. Make recommendations regarding the health impacts for the affected population.
9. Assess the status of infrastructure and determine feasible actions to upgrade the water system.
10. Establish subcommittees among its members to specifically address, at a minimum, each of the three following topic areas: Water Quality, Community Health, and Education.
11. Assist the Governor and the Department in implementing appropriate operations permitted under the Michigan Emergency Management Act or the federal Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, including local emergency operations plans and guides.
12. Explore any avenues of funding for response and recovery efforts including federal grants, legislative appropriations, and private partners.

B. The Coordinating Committee shall provide other information or advice as requested by the Governor or the Department.

### **III. OPERATIONS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

A. The Coordinating Committee shall be staffed and assisted by personnel from the Department as directed by the Department Director. Any budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of the Coordinating Committee shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Department Director.

B. The Director of Office of Urban Initiatives within the Executive Office of the Governor and the Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security shall together serve as the Statewide Coordinators responsible for the administrative functions of the Coordinating Committee.

C. The Coordinating Committee may utilize subcommittees and advisory panels composed of its members to assist in completing the functions of the Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee may request public participation on advisory panels as the Coordinating Committee deems necessary.

D. When making recommendations to the Governor, a majority of the serving members of the Coordinating Committee must concur.

E. The Coordinating Committee shall meet at the call of either of the Statewide Coordinators and as may be provided in procedures adopted by the Coordinating Committee.

F. The Coordinating Committee may, as appropriate to perform its duties, make inquiries, conduct studies, consult with outside experts and federal agencies, and receive comments from the public.

G. Members of the Coordinating Committee shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, subject to available funding.

H. The Coordinating Committee may accept donations of labor, services, or other items of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations shall be expended in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and procedures.

I. Members of the Coordinating Committee shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Department.

J. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Coordinating Committee in the performance of an official function is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as amended, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. All departments, committees, commissioners, or officers of this state or of any political subdivision of this state may give to the Coordinating Committee, or to any member or representative of the Coordinating Committee, any necessary assistance required by the

Coordinating Committee, or any member or representative of the Coordinating Committee, in the performance of the duties of the Coordinating Committee so far as is compatible with its, his or her duties.

B. Any suit, action, or other proceeding lawfully commenced by, against, or before any entity affected under this Order shall not abate by reason of the taking effect of this Order.

C. The invalidity of any portion of this Order shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Order.

The Executive Order shall become effective upon filing.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of  
the state of Michigan this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
January, in the year of our Lord, Two  
Thousand Sixteen

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RICHARD D. SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

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SECRETARY OF STATE